

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding
6 Section 2705-207 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-207 new)

8 Sec. 2705-207. Regional Transportation Task Force.

9 (a) The Regional Transportation Task Force is created
10 within the Department.

11 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 11 voting members,
12 as follows: 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
13 shall be designated as chair of the task force at the time of
14 appointment; 2 members appointed by the President of the
15 Senate; 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2
16 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
17 Representatives; and 2 members appointed by the House
18 Minority Leader.

19 The following shall serve, ex officio, as non-voting
20 members: the Secretary of Transportation; one member
21 designated by the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS);
22 one member designated by the Northeastern Illinois Planning
23 Commission (NIPC); one member designated by the Regional
24 Transportation Authority (RTA); and one member designated by
25 the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA).

26 If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the
27 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial
28 appointment.

29 (c) The task force may begin to conduct business upon
30 the appointment of a majority of the voting members,

1 including the chair.

2 (d) The task force may adopt bylaws; it must meet at
3 least once each calendar quarter; and it may establish
4 committees and officers as it deems necessary. For purposes
5 of task force meetings, a quorum is 6 voting members.
6 Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open Meetings
7 Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for public
8 comment at each of its meetings.

9 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation,
10 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses
11 from funds available for that purpose. The Department shall
12 provide staff and administrative support services to the task
13 force.

14 (f) The task force shall gather information and make
15 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly
16 regarding metro area transportation programs in northeastern
17 Illinois, including but not limited to:

18 (1) examining the feasibility of merging CATS,
19 NIPC, RTA, and ISTHA into a single agency;

20 (2) identifying areas where functions of these and
21 other agencies are redundant or unnecessary; and

22 (3) identifying methods to promote
23 cost-effectiveness and efficiency in meeting area
24 transportation needs.

25 (g) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor
26 and the General Assembly by November 1, 2004 concerning its
27 findings and recommendations.

28 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2005.

29 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
30 becoming law.